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Colorado Trends

May was a good month for the State's work force. Better than normal hiring in many industries resulted in a sizable employment gain while the number of persons looking for work trended lower. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.9 percent, reversing April's increase. One year ago 5.9 percent of Colorado's labor force were jobless.

Total employment rose 15,700 over the month to reach 1,654,500. The current gain pushed the number of jobholders in the State to a record level surpassing the previous high registered in January of this year. The total for May one year ago was 1,597,700. An estimated 85,500 persons were unemployed during May, 3,600 fewer than in the prior month and 14,800 below the total last year at the same time.

Other statistics relating to the Department's activities point to generally favorable economic conditions in Colorado. Job placements made by the Job Service Centers totaled just over 8,100 for the month, an increase of 16 percent from last May. Also, the number of persons filing new or continued claims for unemployment benefits was at the lowest mark in over 10 years.

Most Colorado counties posted improved labor market conditions in May with the resumption of many outdoor work projects. Lower unemployment rates were recorded in 52 of the State's 63 counties on a seasonally unadjusted basis.

Only minor changes were noted in national labor force data for May. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the seasonally adjusted jobless rate dropped one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.3 percent. The number of unemployed fell by 117,000 to 6.7 million while civilian employment advanced 234,000 to reach 118.4 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose for the fourth straight month in May, increasing 3,800 to 1,495,800. The gain was stronger than normal for the April-May period. Every major nonfarm sector except finance, insurance and real estate and services advanced over the month. Total wage and salary jobs in the State numbered 1,473,200 one year ago.

The largest gain in May occurred in trade (up 2,500) to 362,100. Eating and drinking places (up 900) added the greatest number of new jobs over the month while wholesale trade (up 600), general merchandise stores (up 500) and apparel and accessory stores (up 300) increased by lesser amounts. This

sector will get a further boost in future months with the expansion of Toys'R'Us into Colorado. The nation's largest toy retailer is setting up shop in Colorado in a big way. In June it opened its first store in the State, a 50,000 square-foot outlet in Boulder. Later this year the toy company will open stores in Aurora, Westminster, Littleton, Lakewood and Colorado Springs.

Contract construction employment (up 2,200) rose, but by less than expected for the month of May. Heavy construction gained 1,000 new jobs while general building contractors and special trade contractors each added 600.

Government (up 1,100) registered the third biggest increase over the month. Federal government added 1,500 more workers as hiring for the 1990 Census continued during the April-May period. Local government employment was up by 1,400 while jobs in the State subsector fell by 1,800.

Smaller gains were experienced by mining (up 100), manufacturing (up 200) and transportation and public utilities (up 300).

The rise in manufacturing was somewhat smaller than the normal April-May increase. New developments in the industry include the announcement that Gates Rubber Co. will cut 273 local jobs in August as part of a previously released plan to phase out all of its manufacturing in Denver by 1993. The layoffs will only affect automotive and industrial belt production workers and not administration, sales and engineering staffs at the company's Denver headquarters. The firm has been gradually moving production facilities closer to its major markets. Meanwhile, Lockheeed Corp. is planning a new research and development facility in Aurora that will add about 130 workers to the company's Colorado workforce.

Services (down 2,200) was the biggest loser during May. The drop, however, was much less than normal for the month and actually portrays continuing strength in the industry. Services has risen 12,100 jobs in the past year, accounting for more than half of total job growth in the State.

Finance, insurance and real estate (down 400) also lost jobs in May with losses concentrated in the real estate subsector (down 300).

Labor market conditions in the **DENVER MSA** showed little change as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.5 percent for the third consecutive month. The rate was one percentage point higher at 5.5 percent last May.

After adjusting for anticipated seasonal patterns, total employment rose a meager 800 to 839,200. Over-the-year growth now stands at 17,300.

The estimated number of jobless fell 700 to 839,100 and is 8,600 lower than the level of one year ago. Unemployment has fluctuated within a narrow range since the beginning of the year.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary jobs rose 3,700 to 832,000 as most industrial sectors added jobs during the month. Despite the gain, annual growth in this series has slowed to 11,500 or 1.4 percent.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	MAY 1990	APR 1990	FEB 1990	MAY 1989	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1740.0	1727.9	1734.2	1698.0	12.1	5.8	42.0
Unemployment	85.5	89.1	93.3	100.3	-3.6	-7.8	-14.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.9	---	---	---
Employment	1654.5	1638.8	1640.9	1597.7	15.7	13.6	56.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1496.7	1493.7	1492.0	1473.5	3.0	4.7	23.2
Mining	19.6	19.6	19.5	19.7	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Contract Construction	58.6	59.6	61.7	59.2	-1.0	-3.1	-0.6
Manufacturing	195.4	195.9	196.3	193.3	-0.5	-0.9	2.1
Durable Goods	120.7	121.6	122.7	121.7	-0.9	-2.0	-1.0
Nondurable Goods	74.7	74.3	73.6	71.5	0.4	1.1	3.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	93.5	93.1	93.2	92.7	0.4	0.3	0.8
Trade	364.7	362.9	360.5	364.2	1.8	4.2	0.5
Wholesale	80.9	80.7	80.7	80.5	0.2	0.2	0.4
Retail	283.8	282.2	279.8	283.6	1.6	4.0	0.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.8	97.1	97.2	95.9	-0.3	-0.4	0.9
Services	391.4	389.7	388.2	379.4	1.7	3.2	12.0
Government	276.7	275.8	275.4	270.0	0.9	1.3	6.7
Federal	59.5	58.6	56.5	55.9	0.9	3.0	3.6
State	64.1	64.3	65.0	64.6	-0.2	-0.9	-0.5
Local	153.1	152.9	155.9	149.6	0.2	-0.8	3.5
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	878.3	878.2	887.3	869.6	0.1	-9.0	8.7
Unemployment	39.1	39.8	44.8	47.7	-0.7	-5.7	-8.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.5	---	---	---
Employment	839.2	838.4	842.5	821.9	0.8	-3.3	17.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	828.9	830.5	826.9	816.9	-1.6	2.0	12.0
Mining	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	32.9	32.8	32.6	31.2	0.1	0.3	1.7
Manufacturing	96.4	96.2	96.2	95.5	0.2	0.2	0.9
Durable Goods	50.5	50.6	50.4	50.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	45.9	45.6	45.8	44.7	0.3	0.1	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	68.1	68.2	68.1	67.0	-0.1	0.0	1.1
Trade	201.7	202.9	200.2	200.9	-1.2	1.5	0.8
Wholesale	56.1	56.2	55.8	56.2	-0.1	0.3	-0.1
Retail	145.6	146.7	144.4	144.8	-1.1	1.2	0.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	63.1	63.6	63.8	63.5	-0.5	-0.7	-0.4
Services	224.6	224.7	224.8	219.3	-0.1	-0.2	5.3
Government	130.5	130.5	129.6	128.1	0.0	0.9	2.4
Federal	33.6	33.4	33.0	33.1	0.2	0.6	0.5
State	26.7	26.8	26.1	27.2	-0.1	0.6	-0.5
Local	70.2	70.3	70.5	67.8	-0.1	-0.3	2.4
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	137150	137070	137320	134520	80	-170	2630
Unemployment	5040	4940	5380	6110	100	-340	-1070
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.5	---	---	---
Employment	132110	132130	131940	128410	-20	170	3700
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	191860	190710	191980	189450	1150	-120	2410
Unemployment	11550	11530	12640	12290	20	-1090	-740
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.0	6.6	6.5	---	---	---
Employment	180310	179180	179340	177160	1130	970	3150
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	98960	95670	97390	96880	3290	1570	2080
Unemployment	4210	4180	4630	4990	30	-420	-780
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.4	4.8	5.2	---	---	---
Employment	94750	91490	92760	91890	3260	1990	2860
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	72990	71690	71200	68220	1300	1790	4770
Unemployment	3180	3250	3850	4310	-70	-670	-1130
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	5.4	6.3	---	---	---
Employment	69810	68440	67350	63910	1370	2460	5900
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	51730	49880	50700	50140	1850	1030	1590
Unemployment	3370	3410	3830	4080	-40	-460	-710
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	7.6	8.1	---	---	---
Employment	48360	46470	46870	46060	1890	1490	2300

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1729.9	1725.0	1687.9	4900	42000
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	83.7	91.1	98.2	-7400	-14500
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.3	5.8	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1646.2	1633.9	1589.7	12300	56500
Nonagricultural 5/	1579.6	1569.4	1549.6	10200	30000
Agricultural	66.6	64.5	40.1	2100	26500
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1495.8	1492.0	1473.2	3800	22600
GOODS PRODUCING	272.4	269.9	270.9	2500	1500
SERVICE PRODUCING	1222.2	1222.1	1202.3	100	19900
MINING	19.3	19.2	19.4	100	-100
Metal Mining	3.3	3.2	3.6	100	-300
Coal Mining	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.2	12.1	12.1	100	100
CONSTRUCTION	58.6	56.4	59.2	2200	-600
General Building Contractors	13.1	12.5	13.1	600	0
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	9.8	8.8	10.6	1000	-800
Special Trade Contractors	35.7	35.1	35.5	600	200
MANUFACTURING	194.5	194.3	192.3	200	2200
Durable Goods	120.6	121.0	121.6	-400	-1000
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture.	6.9	6.8	6.6	100	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.7	7.7	7.9	0	-200
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	14.2	14.5	14.0	-300	200
Computer & Office Equipment	20.1	20.4	21.3	-300	-1200
Instruments & Related Products	19.7	19.6	19.8	100	-100
Nondurable Goods	73.9	73.3	70.7	600	3200
Food & Kindred Products	26.3	26.0	25.2	300	1100
Meat Products	8.3	8.2	8.0	100	300
Dairy Products	2.3	2.2	2.2	100	100
Beverages	7.7	7.7	7.5	0	200
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	4.9	4.8	4.8	100	100
Paper & Allied Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	100
Printing & Publishing	24.2	24.2	23.3	0	900
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	9.6	9.4	8.7	200	900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	93.1	92.8	92.3	300	800
Railroad Transportation	3.8	3.7	3.9	100	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	20.8	20.6	20.3	200	500
Transportation by Air	18.2	18.5	18.5	-300	-300
Communications	28.3	28.1	27.9	200	400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.4	12.2	0	200
TRADE	362.1	359.6	361.5	2500	600
Wholesale Trade	81.1	80.5	80.7	600	400
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	50.5	50.1	50.4	400	100
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	30.6	30.4	30.3	200	300
Retail Trade	281.0	279.1	280.8	1900	200
General Merchandise Stores	29.6	29.1	30.1	500	-500
Food Stores	42.7	42.5	41.8	200	900
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	30.0	30.0	29.8	0	200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	14.3	14.0	14.1	300	200
Eating & Drinking Places	106.7	105.8	109.2	900	-2500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	96.5	96.9	95.6	-400	900
Depository Institutions	25.7	25.8	25.8	-100	-100
Insurance	27.9	27.9	27.7	0	200
Real Estate	24.0	24.3	24.2	-300	-200
SERVICES	388.3	390.5	376.2	-2200	12100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	30.2	31.0	29.2	-800	1000
Personal Services	15.5	16.8	15.7	-1300	-200
Business Services	80.6	80.0	79.1	600	1500
Computer & Data Processing Services.	17.4	17.4	17.3	0	100
Motion Pictures	4.6	4.5	4.4	100	200
Amusements & Recreation Services	21.9	25.0	20.3	-3100	1600
Ski Lift Operators	1.8	6.4	1.9	-4600	-100
Health Services	95.5	95.2	92.5	300	3000
Hospitals	40.1	39.9	38.8	200	1300
MD's & Other Health Practitioners	32.2	32.1	31.2	100	1000
Nursing Facil. & Home Health Care	18.0	18.0	17.6	0	400
Legal Services	13.7	13.7	13.4	0	300
Educational Services	12.9	12.4	12.4	500	500
Social Services	21.1	20.9	20.1	200	1000
Membership Organizations	22.3	22.3	22.3	0	0
Engineering & Management Services	40.5	40.4	38.5	100	2000
Agricultural Services	9.1	7.9	8.5	1200	600
GOVERNMENT	283.4	282.3	276.7	1100	6700
Federal Government	59.5	58.0	55.9	1500	3600
State Government	66.2	68.0	66.7	-1800	-500
State Education	41.3	43.3	41.7	-2000	-400
Local Government	157.7	156.3	154.1	1400	3600
Local Education	86.4	85.9	84.5	500	1900
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

DENVER MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	876.9	873.5	868.0	3400	8900
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	38.5	40.1	47.0	-1600	-8500
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.6	5.4	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	838.4	833.4	821.0	5000	17400
Nonagricultural 5/	826.6	822.0	813.9	4600	12700
Agricultural	11.8	11.4	7.1	400	4700
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	832.0	828.3	820.5	3700	11500
GOODS PRODUCING	141.0	139.0	138.4	2000	2600
SERVICE PRODUCING	690.8	689.3	682.1	1500	8700
MINING	11.5	11.4	11.5	100	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.4	9.3	9.3	100	100
CONSTRUCTION	33.1	31.7	31.4	1400	1700
General Building Contractors	5.7	5.6	6.2	100	-500
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	7.2	6.3	5.7	900	1500
Special Trade Contractors	20.2	19.8	19.5	400	700
MANUFACTURING	96.4	95.9	95.5	500	900
Durable Goods	50.5	50.5	50.8	0	-300
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	-100
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	7.3	7.4	7.5	-100	-200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	6.5	6.4	6.4	100	100
Nondurable Goods	45.9	45.4	44.7	500	1200
Food & Kindred Products	14.3	14.2	14.1	100	200
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	-100
Paper & Allied Products	2.0	1.9	1.8	100	200
Printing & Publishing	13.7	13.6	13.5	100	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.5	7.3	6.8	200	700
Petroleum, Coal & Plastic Products	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	67.8	67.9	66.8	-100	1000
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	14.1	14.0	13.7	100	400
Transportation by Air	16.5	16.8	16.8	-300	-300
Communications	22.1	22.1	21.8	0	300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	6.6	6.5	6.3	100	300
TRADE	201.1	200.0	200.4	1100	700
Wholesale Trade	56.2	56.1	56.3	100	-100
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	37.0	36.9	37.2	100	-200
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	19.2	19.2	19.1	0	100
Retail Trade	144.9	143.9	144.1	1000	800
General Merchandise,Accessory Stores	22.9	22.6	23.6	300	-700
Food Stores	22.7	22.9	21.9	-200	800
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	15.0	15.0	14.7	0	300
Eating & Drinking Places	53.9	53.3	54.0	600	-100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	63.3	63.3	63.7	0	-400
Depository Institutions	14.6	14.6	14.7	0	-100
Nondepository Institutions	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Insurance	19.7	19.7	19.8	0	-100
Real Estate	13.9	13.8	14.5	100	-600
SERVICES	225.9	225.1	220.7	800	5200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	10.8	11.0	11.1	-200	-300
Personal Services	8.9	9.6	9.1	-700	-200
Business Services	55.4	55.0	53.8	400	1600
Amusement & Rec. Svc., Inc. Motion Pic	12.3	11.7	12.0	600	300
Health Services	53.8	53.8	52.3	0	1500
Hospitals	24.1	24.0	23.7	100	400
Legal Services	9.9	9.9	9.7	0	200
Educational Services	9.3	8.9	8.7	400	600
Social Services	11.1	11.1	10.7	0	400
Engineering & Management Services	24.7	24.7	24.0	0	700
Agricultural Services	4.9	4.8	5.0	100	-100
GOVERNMENT	132.9	133.0	130.5	-100	2400
Federal Government	33.6	33.3	33.1	300	500
State Government	26.9	27.9	27.4	-1000	-500
State Education	10.6	11.5	10.6	-900	0
Local Government	72.4	71.8	70.0	600	2400
Local Education	40.7	40.4	38.9	300	1800
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA AND COLORADO SPRINGS MSA
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	136.7	136.3	134.1	400	2600
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	4.9	5.0	5.9	-100	-1000
Unemployment (%)	3.6	3.7	4.4	-100	-800
EMPLOYMENT	131.8	131.3	128.2	500	3600
Nonagricultural 5/	129.1	128.7	126.6	400	2500
Agricultural	2.7	2.6	1.6	100	1100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	116.2	116.0	114.2	200	2000
GOODS PRODUCING	34.6	34.9	34.4	-300	200
SERVICE PRODUCING	81.5	81.1	79.8	400	1700
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	100
MANUFACTURING	30.6	30.9	30.5	-300	100
Durable Goods	24.3	24.7	24.7	-400	-400
Nondurable Goods	6.3	6.2	5.8	100	500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
TRADE	23.8	23.7	23.9	100	-100
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	100
Retail Trade	20.5	20.4	20.7	100	-200
Eating & Drinking Places	8.2	8.2	8.5	0	-300
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	12.3	12.2	12.2	100	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.1	0	200
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	100
SERVICES	28.1	27.9	26.2	200	1900
GOVERNMENT	23.0	22.8	23.2	200	-200
Federal Government	2.9	2.8	2.6	100	300
State Government	10.2	10.3	10.9	-100	-700
State Education	9.9	10.0	10.7	-100	-800
Local Government	9.9	9.7	9.7	200	200
Local Education	5.4	5.3	5.3	100	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	190.5	188.6	188.1	1900	2400
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	11.6	12.1	12.4	-500	-800
Unemployment (%)	6.1	6.4	6.6	-300	-500
EMPLOYMENT	178.9	176.5	175.7	2400	3200
Nonagricultural 5/	176.6	174.3	174.3	2300	2300
Agricultural	2.3	2.2	1.4	100	900
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	156.0	154.2	154.2	1800	1800
GOODS PRODUCING	30.9	31.0	31.4	-100	-500
SERVICE PRODUCING	125.0	123.2	122.8	1800	2200
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	6.7	6.6	7.0	100	-300
MANUFACTURING	24.2	24.4	24.4	-200	-200
Durable Goods	18.6	18.8	19.4	-200	-800
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.0	0	600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.0	5.8	100	300
TRADE	36.3	35.9	36.2	400	100
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.3	5.4	0	-100
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	-100
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Retail Trade	31.0	30.6	30.8	400	200
Eating & Drinking Places	13.2	13.0	12.6	200	600
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	17.8	17.6	18.2	200	-400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	9.0	9.0	9.0	0	0
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
SERVICES	43.3	42.3	41.9	1000	1400
GOVERNMENT	30.4	30.0	29.9	400	500
Federal Government	9.8	9.6	9.6	200	200
State Government	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	100
State Education	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Local Government	17.8	17.6	17.6	200	200
Local Education	9.9	9.8	9.8	100	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	May 1990 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	April 1990 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	6426	6095	331	5.2	--	6150	5815	335	5.4
Archuleta	2697	2547	150	5.6	--	2615	2430	185	7.1
Baca	2605	2557	48	1.8	--	2538	2468	70	2.8
Bent	2397	2319	78	3.3	--	2298	2222	76	3.3
Chaffee	6600	6191	409	6.2	--	6670	6160	510	7.6
Cheyenne	1246	1206	40	3.2	--	1210	1166	44	3.6
Clear Creek	2711	2493	218	8.0	--	2740	2579	161	5.9
Co. Springs MSA	190489	178865	11624	6.1	--	188578	176492	12086	6.4
Conejos	2742	2458	284	10.4	--	2694	2371	323	12.0
Costilla	1169	1041	128	10.9	--	1102	967	135	12.3
Crowley	1798	1766	32	1.8	--	1776	1718	58	3.3
Custer	842	784	58	6.9	--	805	755	50	6.2
Delta	8918	8177	741	8.3	--	8553	7808	745	8.7
Den-Bldr CMSA	1013594	970195	43399	4.3	--	1009824	964760	45064	4.5
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	136712	131842	4870	3.6	--	136321	131341	4980	3.7
-Denver MSA	876882	838353	38529	4.4	--	873503	833419	40084	4.6
---Adams	147780	140122	7658	5.2	--	147489	139298	8191	5.6
---Arapahoe	212479	204893	7586	3.6	--	211371	203688	7683	3.6
---Denver	261342	248060	13282	5.1	--	260589	246600	13989	5.4
---Douglas	23194	22250	944	4.1	--	22985	22119	866	3.8
---Jefferson	232086	223027	9059	3.9	--	231069	221714	9355	4.0
Dolores	1147	1081	66	5.8	--	1067	1043	24	2.2
Eagle	11738	10871	867	7.4	--	17943	14992	2951	16.4
Elbert	4058	3852	206	5.1	--	3949	3702	247	6.3
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	99491	95508	3983	4.0	--	95614	91397	4217	4.4
Fremont	11664	10933	731	6.3	--	11337	10537	800	7.1
Garfield	16039	15236	803	5.0	--	15758	14436	1322	8.4
Gilpin	1514	1460	54	3.6	--	1452	1388	64	4.4
Grand	4771	4509	262	5.5	--	6456	5787	669	10.4
Greeley MSA	74198	70997	3201	4.3	--	71917	68512	3405	4.7
Gunnison	5536	5071	465	8.4	--	6561	6001	560	8.5
Hinsdale	431	413	18	4.2	--	417	405	12	2.9
Huerfano	2536	2352	184	7.3	--	2468	2249	219	8.9
Jackson	1023	983	40	3.9	--	1020	956	64	6.3
Kiowa	1182	1148	34	2.9	--	1145	1107	38	3.3
Kit Carson	4638	4586	52	1.1	--	4433	4379	54	1.2
Lake	1695	1380	315	18.6	--	1575	1330	245	15.6
La Plata	16817	15869	948	5.6	--	16148	15320	828	5.1
Las Animas	5258	4819	439	8.3	--	5042	4658	384	7.6
Lincoln	2719	2629	90	3.3	--	2611	2511	100	3.8
Logan	10022	9746	276	2.8	--	9624	9341	283	2.9
Mesa	43139	40683	2456	5.7	--	41174	38759	2415	5.9
Mineral	176	156	20	11.4	--	236	206	30	12.7
Moffat	5133	4742	391	7.6	--	4998	4582	416	8.3
Montezuma	9449	8808	641	6.8	--	8678	7993	685	7.9
Montrose	12433	11547	886	7.1	--	12009	11065	944	7.9
Morgan	10722	10223	499	4.7	--	10439	9903	536	5.1
Otero	9084	8513	571	6.3	--	8756	8131	625	7.1
Ouray	1572	1450	122	7.8	--	1581	1402	179	11.3
Park	3429	3225	204	5.9	--	3327	3114	213	6.4
Phillips	2615	2565	50	1.9	--	2538	2472	66	2.6
Pitkin	8199	7275	924	11.3	--	11747	10019	1728	14.7
Prowers	6752	6367	385	5.7	--	6432	6125	307	4.8
Pueblo MSA	51892	48655	3237	6.2	--	49856	46427	3429	6.9
Rio Blanco	3017	2879	138	4.6	--	2946	2799	147	5.0
Rio Grande	5011	4652	359	7.2	--	4816	4444	372	7.7
Routt	7810	7103	707	9.1	--	10069	9119	950	9.4
Saguache	1838	1662	176	9.6	--	1793	1594	199	11.1
San Juan	572	544	28	4.9	--	496	440	56	11.3
San Miguel	2161	1929	232	10.7	--	2936	2659	277	9.4
Sedgwick	1671	1635	36	2.2	--	1612	1568	44	2.7
Summit	8253	7662	591	7.2	--	10865	10166	699	6.4
Teller	5584	5292	292	5.2	--	5297	5008	289	5.5
Washington	3019	2963	56	1.9	--	2927	2859	68	2.3
Yuma	5612	5504	108	1.9	--	5422	5301	121	2.2
COLORADO	1729849	1646171	83678	4.8	--	1725042	1633916	91126	5.3

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
May 1989

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	6127	5696	431	7.0
Archuleta	2547	2346	201	7.9
Baca	2117	2038	79	3.7
Bent	2093	2006	87	4.2
Chaffee	6479	6021	458	7.1
Cheyenne	1057	991	66	6.2
Clear Creek	2604	2376	228	8.8
Co. Springs MSA	188109	175742	12367	6.6
Conejos	2419	2092	327	13.5
Costilla	1079	864	215	19.9
Crowley	1604	1507	97	6.0
Custer	695	662	33	4.7
Delta	8158	7414	744	9.1
Den-Bldr CMSA	1002120	949205	52915	5.3
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	134065	128158	5907	4.4
-Denver MSA	868055	821047	47008	5.4
---Adams	146521	137230	9291	6.3
---Arapahoe	209771	200664	9107	4.3
---Denver	259032	242940	16092	6.2
---Douglas	22905	21791	1114	4.9
---Jefferson	229827	218423	11404	5.0
Dolores	1051	1020	31	2.9
Eagle	11189	10259	930	8.3
Elbert	3791	3582	209	5.5
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	97336	92622	4714	4.8
Fremont	11552	10713	839	7.3
Garfield	15620	14750	870	5.6
Gilpin	1199	1120	79	6.6
Grand	4301	4054	247	5.7
Greeley MSA	69033	64999	4034	5.8
Gunnison	5004	4515	489	9.8
Hinsdale	372	364	8	2.2
Huerfano	2330	2090	240	10.3
Jackson	893	866	27	3.0
Kiowa	936	895	41	4.4
Kit Carson	3856	3773	83	2.2
Lake	1704	1362	342	20.1
La Plata	16144	15261	883	5.5
Las Animas	4951	4518	433	8.7
Lincoln	2273	2198	75	3.3
Logan	9214	8779	435	4.7
Mesa	42574	39833	2741	6.4
Mineral	175	150	25	14.3
Moffat	5010	4562	448	8.9
Montezuma	9293	8601	692	7.4
Montrose	11729	10768	961	8.2
Morgan	9939	9145	794	8.0
Otero	8172	7505	667	8.2
Ouray	1491	1385	106	7.1
Park	3051	2836	215	7.0
Phillips	2118	2079	39	1.8
Pitkin	7738	6874	864	11.2
Prowers	6220	5820	400	6.4
Pueblo MSA	50254	46338	3916	7.8
Rio Blanco	2714	2554	160	5.9
Rio Grande	4801	4376	425	8.9
Routt	7303	6578	725	9.9
Saguache	1489	1356	133	8.9
San Juan	459	432	27	5.9
San Miguel	2078	1767	311	15.0
Sedgwick	1438	1376	62	4.3
Summit	7648	7109	539	7.0
Teller	5161	4767	394	7.6
Washington	2510	2344	166	6.6
Yuma	4601	4470	131	2.8
COLORADO	1687924	1589726	98198	5.8

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989
CONSTRUCTION	$492.09	$469.00	$476.91	38.9	36.9	37.7	$12.65	$12.71	$12.65
MANUFACTURING	$443.22	$441.00	$418.30	41.5	41.1	39.8	$10.68	$10.73	$10.51
Durable Goods	$435.30	$435.75	$431.36	41.3	41.5	41.2	$10.54	$10.50	$10.47
Nondurable Goods	$453.70	$447.23	$398.87	41.7	40.4	37.7	$10.88	$11.07	$10.58

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989	MAY 2/ 1990	APR 3/ 1990	MAY 1989
CONSTRUCTION	$505.04	$483.02	$486.02	38.7	36.9	37.3	$13.05	$13.09	$13.03
MANUFACTURING	$503.45	$495.73	$476.35	41.3	40.6	40.3	$12.19	$12.21	$11.82
Durable Goods	$512.40	$497.28	$484.55	42.0	41.2	41.7	$12.20	$12.07	$11.62
Nondurable Goods	$496.13	$493.60	$467.54	40.7	40.0	38.8	$12.19	$12.34	$12.05

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	MAY 1990	APR 1990	MAY 1989	MAY 1990	APR 1990	MAY 1989
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	10,969	12,122	11,313	5,328	5,340	5,826
Continued Claims	108,303	98,415	108,759	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	83,757	77,080	85,943	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$13,842,329	$12,690,522	$13,533,269	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$274,157,241	$223,840,994	$201,029,844	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	20,104	16,917	18,949	9,702	8,686	8,207
Nonagricultural Placements	7,627	5,586	6,544	2,426	1,670	2,179
Agricultural Placements	479	333	446	231	131	212

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

April 1990 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	123,816	1725.0	1714.6	501.2	409.6	701.5	787.3	243.2
Unemployment	6,457	91.1	86.9	32.9	22.7	46.4	41.3	14.4
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.2	5.3	5.1	6.6	5.5	6.6	5.2	5.9
Employment	117,359	1633.9	1627.7	468.3	387.1	655.1	746.0	228.8

The new convention center was unveiled for the first time in June.

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1989 benchmark utilizing 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 56,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they are ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed. i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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